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CRONJE RE-ENFORCED AND MAKING A DETERMINED RESISTANCE.

HARD FIGHTING GOING ON.

Roberts Reports Nine British Officers Killed and Forty-one Wounded - Gen. Macdonald Among the Latter-Loss of Men Probably Heavy-Canadians Suffer in Sunday's Fight-Roberts Says Nothing of His Advance-Boers Claim Some Victories-Buller Sends Warren's Division Across the Tugela at Colenso-Premature Report of the Relief of Ladysmith Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Feb. 22.-The British idea that the Boers were demoralized and in a condition of panie has been dispelled by the publication of a serious casualty list from Gen. Lord Reberts, without any explanation of how or where the losses were incurred. Gen. Roberts's previous despatch, so far as it was published by the War Office, gave the impression that the Boers were in full retreat, making hardly any resistance. and aroused the expectation that the next tidings would announce the surrender of Commandant Cronje's army.

Now comes the news that nearly fifty British officers, including two prominent Generals, have been killed or wounded, while the losses of the rank and file are not mentioned. There can be no doubt that the British invasion of the Orange Free State is being sharply contested. and that the Federal forces are still in vigorous fighting trim.

There has been no definite information concerning the progress of the Roberts-Kitchener campaign since Sunday, but it is reasonable to suppose that Commandant Cronje has now been reenforced by 10,000 men from the south. It is not possible that the Boers who were withdrawn from Natal have yet reached either Cronie or Bloemfontein, the capital of the

The news from Gen. Buller's campaign is favorable as far as it goes, but the persistent report that Ladysmith had been relieved proves to have been premature. The Tugela River was crossed for the fourth time British yesterday, but it almost absurd to assume retirement of the Boers from this point before the British advance indicates an intention to abandon the siege of Ladysmith and the possession of territory in Natal. In other words, the crisis is not yet passed, acfording to the information at present received. and all depends, not on Gen. Buller's campaign, which is now a side issue, but on Gen. Roberts's great dash at the Free State capital,

The War Office has received the following despatch from Gen. Buller:

"CHIEVELEY CAMP, Feb. 21, 4:27 P. M .- The Fifth Division [Gen. Warren's] crossed the Tugela to-day on pontoons and drove back the enemy's rear guard, the naval 12-pounders silencing all the guns."

The War Office at midnight announced that It had received nothing more for publication. and no details have come from any of the English correspondents of the operations in the Free State later than yesterday morning's a bayonet charge and the Boers exploded dynadescriptions, which brought the news up to

A Boer official account deals with events up to Sunday night, when, according to Commandant Steyn's report to the Government at Pretoria, the British were driven off, the Boers seems to have brought up reenforcements for Commandant Cronje on Sunday afternoon, apparently from the northward of Kimberley. This indicates the probability that it was his force that slipped through Gen. French's fingers at Dronfield after Kimberley had been relieved. Gen. De Wet says that he stormed some kopies and drove out the British, who left some of their dead and wounded behind

Boer newspapers of Feb. 19, which have reached Lorenzo Marques describe Gen. DeWet's engagement as a brilliant victory. Commandant Cronje, they say, sent a message by way of Koffyfontein to the effect that he was holding all his positions, and adding that the cordon is around Kimberley again. Commandant Ferriera of the Free State, was killed in the fighting Sunday.

The Argus of Cape Town says it has received from its correspondent at Paardeberg a telegram dated Feb. 21 announcing that Commandant Cronje was surrounded, and that a heavy shell and rifle fire was proceeding. It' was added that the enemy were stubbornly resisting. The accuracy of this despatch is doubtful, especially in view of the statements of the British correspondents that they have to send their despatches by messenger to Modder

Gen. Roberts's casualty list, which is dated Paardeberg, Feb. 20, covers the engagements of Friday, Saturday and Sunday, but it is intimafed that the list is incomplete

A belated account of Gen. French's advance to kimberley has reached Lorenzo Marques. It states that Gen. Dutoil of the Transvaal was defeated. He retreated to Riverton, sixteen miles to the northward. Seven of his men were killed, and he lost all his guns.

Further accounts of the capture of Hlangwane Hill indicate that flerce fighting is ex pected before Ladysmith is reached. All ranks, however, are encouraged by the complete turning of the Boer flank, and the fact that the Boers. the first time since the battle of Elandslaagte. were put to flight. Moreover, from the captured positions the British can look directly into Ladysmith, which seems to bring the town

Gen. Gatacre, of whom little has been heard recently, has arrived at Dordrecht on an armored train. The British hold the hills behind the town, which is short of food, the Boers having commandeered everything before they vacated the place.

on Tuesday was defeated they still occupy commanding positions in the neighborhood of the town and are extending these southward. The garrison is confident of holding its own

A Pretoria despatch dated Feb. 20, stated that a number of the townsmen have been commandeered for service on the frontier. In addition to these a fresh corps of volunteers is going to the front.

BOER REPORTS OF THE FIGHTING. Say That Attempts to Surround Cronje Have Failed-British Prisoners Taken.

Special Cable Despatches to THE Sex PRETORIA, Feb. 20.-Official Boer despatches A Cure for Insomnia.

A ride from New York to Chicago over New York Central lines, so smooth and luxurious you can't keep awake after dark. Trains illuminated by Pintsch light,—4de.

Poland! Poland! Poland! Poland!

report fighting on Feb. 18 and 19 near Koodoos HARMONY IN KENTUCKY Rand. They state that the British attempts to surround Gen. Cronje's laager were repulsed Gen. DeWet reports that the Boers captured

several kopies between Paardeberg and Koodoos Rand and took forty British prisoners. LONDON, Feb. 21.-A despatch from Pretoria gives the Boer version of the aghting near chaltz's Nek as reported by Gen. Cronje on Sunday. The despatch reads:

"Yesterday morning, while removing the laager, we were attacked by the British. The fight lasted until 7:30 o'clock in the evening. Although, on the whole, the British were driven back they persisted in renewing the attack and their losses must have been considerable. We had eight killed and twelve wounded.

'Commandant Ferriera's force was too small to prevent the British cavalry from entering Kimberley

"Two officers and eighty-nine men, who have arrived here as prisoners have been sent to Waterval."

THE JAMESON RAID CHARGES.

Dr. Gavin Brown Clark Accused of Handling the Hawksley Letter. Special Cable Despatch to THE BUN.

LONDON, Feb. 21.-The St. James Gazette prints a curious story about the letter of Mr. Hawksley, counsel for the British South African Chartered Company, printed in the Independance Belge of Brussels which appeared to connect Colonial Secretary Chamberlain with the Jameson raid. The story is that the letter was originally stolen by a clerk who was summarily dismissed. The letter was offered to the English newspapers, but they declined to buy it. It was afterward purchased from the thief by Dr. Gavin Brown Clark. M. P. for Caithness, who was formerly Consul-General for the Transvaal in Great Britain, and, the story says, it is presumed that it was sold by him to Dr. Leyds for £100.

Dr. Clark denies the story. Mr. Hawksley is his accuser, having recently written to the Colonial Office that Dr. Clark had purchased the letter. Dr. Leyds denies that he bought the letter or communicated it to the Indepen-

GEN. MACDONALD WOUNDED.

Long List of Casualties Among British Officers Includes Two Canadians.

Special Cable Desputch to THE SUN. LONDON, Feb. 21.-Gen. Hector A. Macdonald, the commander of the Highland Brigade, was severely wounded in a battle yesterday afternoon. The War Office confirms the statement and also announces that Major H. G. Knox has been wounded. Gen. Macdonald succeeded Gen. Wauchope, who was killed in the tattle of Magersfontein.

The War Office has issued a list of casualties among the British officers in battles on Feb. 16 and Feb. 18, but says no details of the fighting have been received. One Lieutenant-Colonel, two Captains and six Lieutenants were killed and 39 officers were wounded. The list of wounded officers includes the names of Capt. H. M. Arnold and Lieut, J. C. Mason of the Canadian contingent. The former was dangerously and the latter slightly wounded.

BOERS REPULSE A NIGHT ATTACK. Col. Plumer Loses Several Men in a Fight North of Mafeking.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUM. LONDON, Feb. 21.-It is reported that Col. Plumer, who is moving south from Rhodesia to the relief of Mafeking, made a night attack on the Boers at Crocodile Pools. The Boers were intrenched on a steep, thorny ridge, While struggling through barbed wire entanglements the British alarmed Boer dogs. The barking of the dogs brought the Boers out and they began firing. The British then made

mite mines. The British retreated The despatch announcing the fight is dated laberones, Feb. 12, and goes on to say, "Major Bird led the attack. Several British were killed, including Capt. French. Six men were severely wounded and one man was

SEIZURE OF SHIPS FROM NEW YORK. Been Ordered to Hold an Inquiry.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, Feb. 21.-A despatch from Lorenzo Marques states that Mr. W. Stanley Hollis, the United States Consul at that place, has addresed a circular letter to the merchants there in which he states that he has been instructed by the American Government to hold an inquiry into the selzure by Great Britain of vessels bound from New York to Lorenzo Marques.

QUEEN'S MESSAGE TO CANADIANS. Read as the Troops Embark at Halifax

Hisses for Effigies of Kruger.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 21.-Six hundred troops, the third division of the second Canadian contingent for service in South Africa, marched from the armories to the transport Milwaukee to-day. A large crowd cheered the soldiers and hissed the efficies of the Transvaal Presideat which were hung at prominent points.

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Before leaving the armories the Canadian soldiers were inspected by Gen. Lord William Seymour, who complimented them on their appearance, and expressed the hope that many of them would return with the Victoria Cross. At the ship's side, immediately before embarkation, the Hoa. Dr. Borden, Canadian Minister of Militia, read a telegram from the Queen, expressing her appreciation of the loyalty of the Canadian people at this time and wishing godspeed to the contingent going by the Milwaukee. The soldiers cheered her Majesty with vigor.

This makes a total of 2,300 officers and men who have sailed from Halifax for the war in ten days. Lord Strathcona's regiment of Northwestern Horse will leave here by the steamer Monterey.

ARMED RAID ON A PEST HOUSE. Westchester Farmers Drive a Gang of Workmen Back to New Rochelle.

NEW ROCHELLE, Feb. 21.-Thirty farmers who object to the smallpox pest house being erected in the Jerusalem woods north of this city defled the health authorities and drove away ten carpenters who were constructing the buildings this morning. The farmers, headed by Joseph Stouter, were armed with guns, axes and sticks. Contractor Carson, one of the Health Commis- Roberts Barthalow of Philadelphia as honsioners, protested, but offered no resistance and stopped work. The farmers then marched victoriously to the city and stormed the office of Dr. George A. Peck, the Health Officer, Dr. Peck refused to accede to their demands to remove the pest house. The smallpox patients are still in Harrison street and it is feared that the disease may spread. Five special policemen were guarding the un-

inished pest house to-night. Minnie Seligman-Cutting's Divorce Suit.

Sr. Louis, Mo., Feb. 21.-In the divorce suit of Minnie Seligman-Cutting, the actress, against Robert L. Cutting of New York, Judge Talty to-day overruled the defendant's demurrer. Mrs. Cutting alleged that the defendant had deserted her. His attorneys alleged that the pet ition was insufficient on its face, but Judge Talty held that the allegations were sufficient to constitute a good cause of action.

Will Accept Telegrams for Kimberley. The cable companies have issued the follow-We are again informed that telegrams may be accepted for Kimberley, but only at sender's risk."

Poland! Poland! Poland! Poland!

POLITICAL DISPUTE TO GO TO THE COURTS AT ONCE.

Republicans and Democrats Sign an Agreement as to the Course of Procedure -The Cases to Be Heard in Louisville -Matter of Full Appeal Arranged For.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 21 .- An agreement to try the Taylor-Beckham, Marshall-Beckham dispute for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant-Governor has been reached by the attorneys and it is now for the courts to say who is Governor and who is Lieutenant-Governor of Kentucky, and whether the action of the Democratic part of the Legislature in declaring Goebel Governor is legal. The agreement was reached this afternoon and provides for trial of the cases before Circuit Judge Field at Louisville, the cases to be submitted on next Tuesday. Ten days will be used in the introduction of evidence and the cases will be appealed to the Court of Appeals and may then be taken to the Supreme Court of the United States on a writ or error. The case at Georgetown before Judge Cantrill is to be dismissed. There will be three suits, Taylor ve Beckham, Marshall vs. Beckham, both already filed, and Beckham vs. Taylor on the agreed case. Meantime the matters stand as at pres-

This is the agreement:

There are now pending in the Jefferson Circuit Court two suits entitled, respectively W. S. Taylor vs. J. C. W. Beckham, &c.. and John Marshall vs. J. C. W. Beckham, &c., and another suit in the name of J. C. W. Beckham vs. W. C. Taylor and John Marshall is to be filed in said court. Process has been served in the first named two suits and the defendants agree at once to enter their appearance in the last named suit. All of said suits are to be placed upon the ordinary docket and tried by the court on the law and facts One answer and subsequent pleadings in the two first named suits may be filed and applied to both those cases, they to be consolidated. The same evidence shall be heard in all the cases, the three cases being tried and heard to-

"The pleadings shall be made up by Tuesday, Feb. 27, 1900, or sooner if it can be done. The evidence shall be by depositions or record, unless otherwise agreed upon, and shall be taken soon as possible, say within ten days, from the time pleadings are closed. In the preparation of the said cases in the Circuit Court, all parties agree good faith to do all they can to speed the final determination of the cases on their merits, and it is hereby agreed that should any party desire to introduce in evidence the proceedings of the contest boards or of the General Assembly, such party may use as evidence copies of the transcript of such proceedings and evidence furnished to counsel by Alonzo Walker, the official stenographer for said contest boards, the necessity for having such transcripts attested or certified being hereby waived, but nothing herein shall be construed to waive any objection to relevancy and competency of any and all evidence introduced or offered on the trial of the said cases. When the said cases shall have been finally determined in the Circuit Court, then if either party shall design to appeal to the South of Appeals, it is hereby agreed that all parties hereto will unite in a request to the said court to docket said cases inimediately and advance them for hearing to the earliest day upon which the court can hear them.

"It is further agreed that on such appeal the original evidence used in the Circuit Court, if you minous, may be taken to the Court of the properties." good faith to do all they can to

"It is further agreed that on such appeal the original evidence used in the Circuit Court, if voluminous, may be taken to the Court of Appeals as part of the record on the appeal without being copied, thus saving time and cost. Should any party after the final determination of the cases by the Court of Appeals desire a writ of error from the Supreme Court of the United States to review such determination, it is agreed that such writ shall be applied for immediately and diligently prosecuted if secured, and that all parties to said cases will unfite in an application to said Supreme Court to docket and advance said cases, and to give them the earliest hearing and determination possible.

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"The said cases shall be tried in the Jefferson Circuit Court by Judge Emmett Field, before whom one of the said cases is now pending. It is further agreed by the parties to the said suits that they will submit to and abide by all the orders and judgments of the courts made in said suits, reserving, however, the legal right to stay proceedings on such orders or judgments in any manner provided by law.

"W. S. TAYLOR, JOHN MARSHALL, by W. H. Yost and HELM BRUCE, attorneys: J. C. W. BECKHAM, L. H. CARTER, JOHN B. CASTLEMAN, by Louis McQuown and JOHN K. HENDERICK, attorneys.

The Democratic attorneys say the suit to be tried under the terms of the agreement is to be merely a suit for office, a personal action, and that under such an action a question in which the Supreme Court of the United States would have jurisdiction could not arise. They say the case will be tried within the next twenty days. Republicans say the case must go to the Supreme Court of the United States and that they will win it there. The only occurance in the nature of a conflict to-day was when Lieut.-Jov. John Marshall walked into the Senate chamber during the session of the Democratic members and addressing the clerks and President protem. Carter, said:

"I am Lieutenant-Governor, and demand that my presence be recorded on the journal."

Neither the clerk nor the presiding officer appeared to hear the remark and Marshall walked into the Senate chamber during the conference of Democrats whereby a substitute for the bill now pending is to be offered, appropriating \$100,000 for the conviction of the assassin. By a resolution of the House to-day, Feb. 28 at noon was set apart for a joint meeting for memorial exercises over the late Senator William Goebel. The bill makes ex-Congressman John K. Hendrick, ex-Chief, Justice J. H. Lewis. Congressman J. D. Clardy, ex-Speaker W. M. Moore and B. W. Bradburn,

LIGHT AND TUBERCULOSIS.

Effect of Color on the Disease Discussed at Medico-Legal Society's Congress. The first "Congress of Tuberculosis," under the auspices of the Medico-Legal Society of this city, was opened last night with a dinner at the Hotel St. Andrew. The organization of the congress followed the dinner with Dr. orary President, Dr. A. N. Bell of Brooklyn as President, and fourteen other physicians as Vice-Presidents. Dr. Charles Denison of Dener is Secretary and Treasurer. Clark Bell, President of the Medico-Legal Society, presided at the dinner.

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The paper for discussion last night was entitled "Colored Rays of Light-Experiments Show Them to Become a Most Important Adjunct in the Treatment of Tubercu osis," It was read by Dr. J. Mount Bleyer of this city.

"We have in light rays," he said, "a therapeutic agent that has been underestimated, if not altogether lost sight of and Deglected to a great measure. Light is limited to, and under favorable conditions may wholly prevent, the development of organism. The action of light writrely destroys the bacteria, or reduces them to a condition of torpidity, which requires months of darkness in favorable surroundings for them to overcome. In able surroundings for them to overcome. In my experiments I took small test tubes containing cultivation fluid, which were suspended in deep, narrow boxes made of garnet, red, yellow, blue and ordinary glass, respectively. Although the blue and yellow glasses vere not monochromatic, the results showed hat the action is chiefly dependent on the blue the violet rays.

Blever illustrated as he went along by exments with electric lights and the X-rays. congress will be in session this morning.

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JUSTICE HABLAN'S PATRIOTISM. His Ringing Utterances to Anti-Imperialists and Detractors of the Country

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 21.-At the exercises this evening celebrating the opening of a new law school building for the University of Pennsylvania Justice Harlan of the United

States Supreme Court said: "Our country has reached a critical and momentous period, and the utmost vigilance and he most unselfish patriotism are demanded rom every genuine American. The time has come when we must be Americans through and through. We have no riget to turn our backs upon public affairs or to become indifferent to the fate of our institutions. Still less have we a right to enjoy the blessings and protection of this giorious land while continually saying and doing that which serves to strengthen the hands of the enemies of the Republic.

"Some people have a strange way in which to manifest their devotion to country. They rarely see in the operations of the Government anything to approve and they never fail, when the nation is having a dispute with other people, to say that our country is wrong and our adversaries right And they do this even while our soldiers are in far-distant lands endeavoring to maintain the rightful authority of the nation.

"Some have not hesitated to say in the most public manner that those who from jungles ambush and shoot down our brave soldiers. are fighting the battles of liberty and doing only what they have a right to do what their honor requires. These men are never happler than when attempting to persuade their fellow citizens that America is entering upon a dark and perilous future, and that all so far accomplished for the liberty and wellbeing of the people will be lost if the nation does not retrace its steps. For my own part. I believe that a destiny awaits America such as has never been vouchsafed to any people, and that in the working out of that desting under the leadings of Providence, humanity everywhere will be lifted up, and power and tyranny compelled to recognize the fact that 'God is no respecter of persons' and that He has made of one blood all nations of men.

"Let us have an abiding faith that our country will never depart from the fundamental principles of right and justice or prove recreant to the high trusts committed to it for the benefit, not alone of the American people. but of all men everywhere on all the earth. We may escape storms in the future: for nothing worth preserving has ever been achieved by individuals or by nations except through trials and sacrifices. Take courage in the belief that the American people are pure in heart and have no desire or purpose other than to maintain the authority of this nation wherever our flag floats, and preserve unimpaired to the latest generation the free institutious given them by the fathers. Taught by the experience of the past we will stand at our respective posts of duty in the firm conviction that the kind Providence that has always watched over this people will preserve our heritage of Constitutional iberty.'

KEELEY OF GOLD-CURE FAME DEAD. The Victim of a Sudden Attack of Heart

Disease at Los Angeles. Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 21.-Leslie E. Keeley, who made a million dollars out of his gold cure for the liquor habit, died here of heart disease early this morning. He had a severe cold and while going to the bathroom had an attack of heart weakness. He soon recovered and made light of his illness, but before a doctor could be summoned he died. Keeley left no children. His estate will go to his widow and his sister, who live at Dwight, Ill.

Dr. Keeley was at the head of a company running about twenty "gold-cure" institutions in various parts of the country. He owned a one-half interest. Branches were also estab-lished by Keeley in various parts of Europe. lished by Keeley in various parts of Europe. Dr. Keeley was born in St. Lawrence county, this State, was graduated at a medical college, and afterward became a surgeon in the army, after the Civil War he located at Dwight, Ill. where a few years ago he announced the discovery of a cure for the liquor habit. He called it Dr. Keeley's gold effe and opened a sanitarium at Dwight. Later he closed this institution, saying his treatment was not perfect and he wanted to discover something to counter-act the influence of what he called bischioride of gold on the system. After two years he resumed his treatment, and though physicians and scientists disputed his claims and ridiculed his theories, he was prosperous and the business spread.

MAKER OF THE GUN "LONG CECIL." George LaBram, Killed Recently in Kimberley, Was a Milwaukee Man.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 21.-George LaBram. the maker of the gun "Long Cecil," whose death is reported from Kimberley, was a Milwaukee man. He was educated as a mechanical engineer, but gave most of his time to electrical work. Several years ago he went to South Africa and became consulting to South Africa and became consulting engineer to the DeBeers Co, in whose service he proved so valuable that when the war came he was getting a salary of \$18,000 a year. Last summer, apprehending a conflict with the Transvaal, he sent his wife to America, and she is now in Aurora, Ill., where she went after visiting her husband's parents in Milwaukee. La Bram was 40 years old. He was a friend of Cecil Rhodes, and in the letters which he sent home he expressed a firm conviction of the justice of the British cause.

THE TAX ON STATE BANK NOTES A Virginia Banker Refuses to Pay and Will

Test the Constitutionality of the Law. RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 21.-An interesting case which is attracting the attention of the United States Revenue officials, involves the issuance of notes of the Bank of Iron Gate, Va. Though its charter powers still exist, Va. Though its charter powers still exist, the bank has not been in active operation for the past four or five years. It was chartered with W. L. Royall of Richmond as President by the Circuit Court of Alleghany county in 1802, doing for several years a general business at Iron Gate. Its office is now in Richmond. Acting upon his opinion that the tax of 10 per cent, imposed on the circuiation of State banks by the United States is unconstitutional. Mr. Royall has issued these notes, on which the tax is not paid. He will make this a test case and the outcome may be of national importance. Mr Royall has engaged in many such contests, and he intends to push this question to a finish.

THE A. G. ROPES'S LONG VOYAGE. Gets Into San Francisco With a Jury Rud-

der-207 Days From New York. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.-The American ship A. G. Ropes arrived from New York to-day after a voyage of 207 days with general mer- favors.

chandise.

She came in with a jury rudder which Capt.

She came in with a jury rudder which Capt.

Rivers built at Port Stauley Instead of hiring the work done an I running up a big bill. He used all hands and rigged up a rudder post by which he steered the ship across the Pacific. Fatal Quarrel Over Kentucky Politics.

MIDDLESBORO, Ky., Feb. 21.-While hauling logs yesterday in Harlan county near the Letcher county line John Manuel and Henry Love quarrelled over politics. Manuel pulled a revolver and shot Love dead. He then fled. Henry Griffin, a cousin of Love, got up a posse and pursued. Near the head waters of Clover Fork heleame up with Manuel, who had also gathered a crowd. A flight ensued, in which some flity shots were exchanged. Tobia Griffith was shot through both legs, and Lem Manuel had his right arm broken. The Manuel crowd fled to the mountains and escaped.

The First Railway in the World to adopt for all its cars the Pintsch light is the New York Central. This line has Pintsch light in its sleeping and parlor cars, its coaches, baggage cars and mail cars, contributing in this, as in all other things, to the comfort and safety of its patrons.—

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BRYAN CONVENTION CITY.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO DECIDE TO-DAY. Milwaukee and Kansas City the Only Con-

testants and Both Confident of Being

Chosen-The Sentiment of the Committee for Bryan and an Early Convention WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 .- A full attendance of the Democratic National Committee is promised for the meeting to-morrow. Those memters who will not be in attendance have arranged for proxies, and when the committee is called to order by Senator Jones every State and Territory will be represented. The corridors of the Raleigh Hotel, where the sessions of the committee are to be held, were thronged to-night with a crowd of politicians from all parts of the country, composed of three elements, members of the committee.

boomers from Kansas City and boomers from

Milwaukee, A few members of Congress

drifted in during the evening, but remained a short time only. The greatest interest in connection with the meeting of the committee is naturally in remeeting of the committee is naturally in regard to the city which will be selected for the holding of the National Convention. It being substantially assured that, like the Republican Convention, it will be to a large extent a cut-and-dried affair, being called more for the purpose of ratifying the nomination of William Jennings Bryan than for the selecting of a Democratic candidate. The contestant for the honor of entertaining the Convention, and incidentally paying its expenses, are very few. In fact, the contest, if it may so be termed, has narrowed down to a struggle between two cities, Milwaukee end Kansas City. A feeble movement was inaugurated some months ago by the Representatives of New York to have the Convention meet in New York city, but as New York did not want to meet in New York, the movement came to nothing. While the majority of the committee would probably prefer to have the convention in Chicago, that city is making absolutely no effort whatever to capture it, and the field is therefore left open to Kansas City and Milwaukee. Kansas City representatives announced to-night with the utmost confidence that they had arranged matters so the convention would certainly go to this town, and that they had thirty-three votes ple-iged. With equal confidence the Milwaukee men claim the convention and say they will receive thirty-two votes on the first and only ballot.

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they will receive thirty-two votes on the first and only ballot.

As far as the date of holding the convention is concerned, the sentiment is unanimous in favor of an early date, in the neighborhood of June 6, and there is substantially no doubt that the convention will be held before the Republican convention. There was some desultory discussion to-night of the candidates for the Vice-Presidency, but no name seemed to be favored more than another. The sentiment in favor of Bryan was unanimous, and it was the general opinion that some man, probably of means, who could command the support of the Gold Democrats, would be selected as the candidate for the Vice-Presidency.

The committee will meet to-morrow at noon and attend to some preliminary matters in executive session. After luncheon the representatives of Kansas City and Milwaukee will be heard and the place of holding the convention will be selected. The other matters which will come before the committee will probably be settled on Friday.

PHILADELPHIA'S SHY GUARANTEE. A Threat to Hold the Republican Conven-

tion in This City Brings Forth \$25,000. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 21,-Mayor Ashbridge was in a communicative mood this afternoon and to the men assembled at the meeting held for the purpose of discussing the prospect of collecting the money for the Republican National Convention he confessed that Philadelphia came near losing the convention. The Mayor said: "Mr. Manley told me in Washington, when I

ago, that the National Committee, with knowledge of the situation here, had about decided to rent the Madison Square Garden in New York and hold the convention there. "This frank statement startled me, I told him that such an act would be a lasting dis-grace to our city. I assured him and Chairman Hanna that if they would postpone their decis-ion I would return to Philadelphia and start a

was there on a personal matter three weeks

ion I would return to Philadelphia and start a movement that would raise the money promised the committee for allowing the convention to be held here."

There was much surprise at this announcement, as it was the first intimation of the kind that had been made. Mr. Ashbridge said that the trouble was now over and the convention was assured for Philadelphia. An acknowledgment of the receipt of a check for \$25,000 was received from Senator Hanna to-day. About \$12,000 has been collected toward the next installment.

TESTING PUERIO RICAN DUTIES. Court Asked to Restrain Collection of Duties on Goods From the Island.

A. S. Lascelles & Co. of 66 Beaver street, dealers in Puerto Rican products, through Lawyer Charles Henry Butler, have begun an action in the United States Circuit Court to enjoin Collector Bidwell from collecting duty on goods brought from Puerto Rico. on the ground that Puerto Rico is not now a foreign country and there is no authority to collect duties. The bill was filed yesterday. The motion will be heard on Friday, March 2. The action is brought not only to enjoin the Collector, but to compel him to repay to Puerto Rican

tor, but to compel him to repay to Puerto Rican merchants the amounts they have already paid in duties since Spain ceded the island to the United States. These amounts, it is contended, aggregate more than half a million dollars.

The combainants argue in the papers that the present tariff law only permits duty to be levied on goods brought into the United States from Toreign countries." and that the Treasury Department has by a special regulation, since sustained by the Supreme Court, defined "country" as including any and all territory, no matter how far separated, that is under the same legislative and executive control. Secretary Walker is cited as authority for saying, after the Mexican War, that duties could not be collected on goods brought from the new possessions of that day, and it is pointed out that merchandise from Alaska was admitted free from the date of ratification of the treaty. Finally it is agued that the Supreme Court has ruled that "no citizen can be compelled to pay duty on doubtful interpretation of the statutes."

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statutes. Mr. Butler said of the suit, yesterday: "It is not a question of power of Congress to regulate the territories of the United States, and in so doing to place a tariff on Puerto Rico. Possibly Congress has the right, but up to the present time, and under existing tariff law, only goods from foreign countries are subject to duty."

SEWALL WILL LABOR WITH BRYAN. Will Try to Convert His Former Running

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 21.-Arthur Sewall, who was the Vice-Presidential candidate on the Bryan ticket in 1806, left here last night for Atlanta where he will meet and confer with Bi 'an. Mr. Sewell hopes to convert Bryan to th policy of expansion, which he himself

"I believe," he says, "that the Democratic

party will have a good chance for victory at the coming election, but that no man can be elected President on the anti-expansion plank in relation to the Philippine Islands. We cannot pull down the American flag. The Democrats should readjust the Cheago platform with a plank declaring for expansion and American ownership of the Philippines.

"I am out of rolities and will never be a candidate again, but I will go heartily and enthusiastically to work for the Democratic ticket if the Democratic platform is what it ought to be. I have been travelling through the country gathering the public sentiment as to expansion, and I intend to lay before Mr. Bryan when I meet him in Washington some of the facts I have gathered in my travels. The American people are not willing to see the flag pulled down anywhere." elected President on the anti-expansion plank

Passed a Life Raft at Sea. The steamship Cienfuegos, which arrived yes terday from Cuban ports, passed on Tuesday about eighty miles east of Cape Henry, Va., several planks lashed together which apparently had been used as a raft by eastaways. There was a lot of clothing and blankets on the planks, but no signs of life.

Poland! Poland! Poland! Poland! Is the purest natural spring water in the world. - Adv. HAY SUGGESTED TREATY REVISION. Then Lord Pauncefote Submitted the

Present Draft-A French Suggestion.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Feb. 21.-According to a high diplomatic authority, the true history of the pending treaty for the modification of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty is quite different from the current version.

This authority states that at about the time of the holding of the Quebec conference Mr. Hay, the American Secretary of State, asked Lord Pauncefote, the British Ambassador at Washington, upon what terms Great Britain would consent to a revision of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. Lord Pauncefote soon after- for the pending measure, and it was introward submitted a draft of a treaty drawn on | duced in the House late this afternoon. The the lines of the international agreement regarding the Suez Canal. It was this draft that Mr. Hay recently accepted. Lord Pauncefote sition of four Republicans in each com-

up by the shock of the common.

Capt. Evans and his daughters had just finished their breakfast in the dining car, which was shattered in the wreck. They were the last of the passengers to leave the car, and had just reached their sleeper, which was next to the dining car, when the crash came. All the passengers were badly shaken up. The injured ways Michael Kelly, enginear; Isaac C. Paspitt. dining car, when the crash came. All the pas-sengers were badly snaken up. The injured were Michael Kelly, engineer: Isaac C. Pagpitt, flower and the page of the page of the page of the John Emmett, conductor, milk train; W. Gray-stock, conductor. The collision was the result of an earlier crash between two freight engines, which happened at 2 o'clock in the morning, near Edgemore. The accident was insignificant, but the road was blocked, and the fast passen-ger train bound west was obliged to stop on

ger train bound west was obliged to stop on the main track and wait for the way to be cleared. The train had been standing for an hour, when the milk train, also bound west, ran into it. The engineer of the milk train did not see the signals set to protect the passenger from the rear-end collision, and when he saw the train itself, it was too late to avoid

HENRY M. ALDEN TO WED.

Editor of Harper's Magazine Will Marry Mrs. A. F. Murray of Norfolk To-day.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 21.-Mrs. Ada F. Murray of Norfolk will be married to-morrow morning in Washington, D. C., to Mr. Henry M. Alden. The marriage will be private and will, it is understood, take place at the rectory of an Episcopal church there. The fact that the marriage would occur has been kept secret and only became known by accident to-day. The bride-elect is the widow of the late Kenton C. Murray, long editor of the Norfolk Landmark. Her son. K. Foster Murray is at present associate editor of that newspaper. With his wife he accompanied his mother to Washington to-night. Mr. Alden is at the St. James Hotel and awaits her arrival.

Mrs. Murray whose husband died on Dec. 15, 1805, is a beautiful woman greatly admired here. She married Mr. Murray when searcely 16 and has five children. These are K. Foster Murray, 21; Ada B., 16; Aline and Constance two younger daughters and Douglass, a five-year-old boy. Mrs. Murray was born at Edgebrook, Va. Mr. Alden is editor of Harper's Magazine, a place he has held for thirty-one years. He is about 62 years old, a widower whose wife died about five years ago. He has three daughters, two resident with him at his home at Metuchen, N. J., and one, the eldest, is a teacher. ton C. Murray, long editor of the Norfolk a teacher.

THE PHILIPPINES COMMISSION.

Two Republicans and Two Democrats Selected-Fifth Member Yet to Be Named. WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.-President McKinley has selected two of the three new members of the Philippines Commission. They are Henry E. Ide of Vermont and Luke E. Wright of Tennessee. The fifth and last member has not been selected and the President is said to be seeking to find a satisfactory man on the Pacific Coast. M. M. Ester of California, who was yesterday slated for appointment, will not be one of the commissioners.

ment, will not be one of the commissioners. Messrs, Ide and Wright are Democrats. The two members previously selected, Messrs, Taft of Ohio and Worcester of Michigan, are Republicans. The vacancy will be filled by the appointment of another Republican.

Judge Ide was appointed Chief Justice of Samoa to succeed Chief Justice Cederkrautz, who was selected by the King of Sweden. He is regarded as a man of highlegal attainments. Gen. Wright resides in Memphis. He is described as being at the head of the bar of his State. He is 55 years old, a native of Tennessee, a law partner of Senator Turley and a member of the gold wing of his party. It is stated to-night that President Benjamin D. Wheeler, President of the University of California, will probably be selected as the representative of the Pacific Coast.

BOY STARTS ON A LONG WALK.

cisco, Strikes Out for New York. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.-Arthur Magnet the 15-year-old boy who had his foster father, Dr. Thelberg, arrested in New York for beating him, and whose passage was paid to this city by the Gerry society, was so fearful that he would be forced to live here with Mrs. Frazee, his foster mother, that he has secretly left the city with only 20 cents in his pocket and started to walk to New York. He spent half his capital for a ferry trip across the bay and last night reached Pinole, having made seventeen miles of his 3,000-mile journey.

He says he expects to work to pay his way. He adds: "I did not find things in San Francisco as I expected I would. New York is the place. I have not yet figured how long it will take me to walk there, but, then, I don't care about that. I will get there some time, and the experience of walking is not half bad." for beating him, and whose passage was

SPEED TRIAL OF THE SOMERS. The Torpedo Boat Fails to Make 23 Knots After a Mishap in the East River.

Another mishap befell the torpedo boat Som rs yesterday morning while she was on her way up the East River to the Sound for a speed trial. The trial was to be under the supervision of a special board of inspection. including Commander William H. Emory. Lieutenant-Commander Richard Henderson and Assistant Naval Constructor W. L. Capps, who followed the Somers in the Navy Yard tug Wampatuck. When the Somers was off the who followed the Somers in the Navy Yard tug Wampatuck. When the Somers was off the foot of East Twenty-sixth street she was disabled by the blowing out of one of the boiler tubes forward. The Somers was brought back to the yard in tow of the tug and the tube was repaired. In the afternoon the torped-boatand the tug went up the Sound as far as Execution Block, where the speed trail took place. It was said to have been satisfactory, although the promised 23 knots an hour speed was not reached.

Leaving the Hon. John Whalen in Charge. The Hon, John F. Carroll, master mechanic the Tammany machine during the absence of Rienard Croker, is going South on Saturday on a vacation. Mr. Carroll will be absent some time, and in order that there shall be no friction, the Tammany Executive Committee will meet on Frolay afterneon to talk about the situation It is expected that the sub-committees of the General Committee will be announced at this meeting. Mr. Carroll will leave the Hon John Whalen in charge. Mr. Croker it is stated will hear the Finance Committee as at present These committees will conduct the campaign this fail.

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NEW SHIP SUBSIDY BILL

PRICE TWO CENTS.

SUBSTITUTE FOR THE HANNA-PAYNE

BILL AGREED UPON. All American Built Ships Rated at A 1 Are to Receive a Subsidy Except Oil or

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sively by the Standard Oil Company. WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 -The Republican nembers of the House and Senate committees having jurisdiction over the Hanna-Payne Shipping bill have agreed upon a substitute delay in reporting the bill from the two committees has been occasioned by the oppo-

mittees has been occasioned by the opposition asked Lord Salisbury for permission to sign this treaty without further negotiations. This was granted, and Lord Pauncefote affixed his signature to the document.

There is reason to believe that France, while opposed to the United States fortifying the proposed canal, would like to see the latter country demand that Great Britain neutralize British Honduras as the price for the non-fortification of the waterway.

CAPT. EVANS IN A COLLISION.

He and His Daughters Shaken Up in a Railroad Wreck in Indiana.

**CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Capt. Robley D. Evans, formerly of the battieship Iowa, and his two daughters narrowly escaped injury in a wreck on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at Edgemore, Ind., twenty-one miles from Chicago to-day. They were severely shaken up by the shock of the collision. Capt. Evans and his daughters had just finished their breakfast in the dining car, which was shattered in the wreck. They were the last of the passengers to leave the car, and had just reached their sleeper, which was next to the dining car, whose the crash came. All the passengers were badly shaken up. The injured were Michael Relly, engineer; Isaac C. Pagpitt. operated exclusively by the Standard Oil Company from receiving any part of the subsidy. Vessels bought abroad by the United States Government during the Spanish War will be admitted to the benefits of the subsidy when purchased by American citizens. All vessels receiving subsidies are to be subject to inspection and the plan of new vessels, built for the purpose of obtaining the subsidy, shall be inspected by a board of naval officers. Any vessels which have received compensation from the Government under this bill shall not be sold outside the United States without the consent of the Government. The bill will be considered by the Merchant Marine Committee next week.

CANADIANS LOSE BEAVILT.

Nineteen Killed and Sixty-one Wounded on Sunday-Some Americans in the List. TORONTO, Feb. 21.-The Globe publishes the ollowing from its special correspondent at | Modder River: "The Canadian contingent participated in Sunday's battle. We forded the Modder after a night march and were engaged the whole day."

The despatch gives a complete list of the

casualties among the Canadian troops, showing that nineteen were killed and sixty-one wounded, two are missing, and six, who were lying sick at Watervaal Drift, were captured. A later special, received this afternoon, emphasized the value of the service rendered by the Canadians in bringing over the naval guns at Watervaal Drift. These guns were brought up to assist in the pursuit of Cronje's army. The Boers were fighting a rear guard action. and it is probable that the Canadians were the most exposed of the force which had to make good the passage of these naval guns at Water-vaal Drift. The Canadian force consisted of about one thousand, so their losses were nearly 10 per cent. The censor has not yet allowed the correspondents to reveal the direction and the progress of the British movements in the Free State.

The news which carries sorrow into so many Canadian homes must lessen Canada's satisfaction with the general progress of the war. The local grief comes nearer and looks bigger than the causes for rejoicing which are supplied by the latest developments in South Africa. Many of the Canadians who suffered in Sunday's fight are members of leading Canadian families. The shock was all the more sudden and severe from the fact that it was believed that the Canadians were not taking part in the pursuit of Cronje's forces.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 21.—The news of the losses of the Canadians was received with great sorrow here. In west British Columbia and Manitoba flags are flying at haif mast and there is a general air of mourning. Among the wounded in the British Columbia list are Leemna, Beach and Todd, all Americans. They came to the coast straight from the Phillippine war, having served as cavalcymen in the American army. They enlisted with the Canadians at Victoria. The news which carries sorrow into so many

ILLINOIS'S INHERITANCE TAX.

A Decision of the Supreme Court That Will

Delay the Pullman Manual School. CHICAGO, Feb. 21.-The decision of the Supreme Court that bequests to churches or educational institutions, as well as those of a purely private nature, must pay an inheritance tax will delay the erection of the Puilman Free Manual Training School. By the will of the late George M. Pullman \$1,200,000 was to be set aside for the purposes of the school and the trustees were ready to carry out the provisions of the will. The Suprems Court decision rendered on Monday that opercent, or \$72,000 of the total building and endowment fund must go to the State makes necessary an alteration in the plans to conform with the diminished fund.

LAWYERS SHY OF MR. PECKHAM

He Has Difficulty in Getting Five to "Investigate" Justice Fitzgerald. Wheeler H. Peckham, the president of the City Club, has selected the five men whom he wishes to have serve on the committee to investigate the action of Supreme Court Justice Fitzgerald in appointing John F. Carroll re-Fitzerald in appointing John F. Carroll receiver for the Brooklyn Wharf and Warchouse Company, and is waiting to find out whether they will serve or not. Mr. Peckham, it was said last evening, has had a great deal of difficulty in finding lawyers who are willing to go on the committee. Many of those who have been approached have said that they thought the subject had better be dropped.

The City Club holds its annual election in April, and it was said last evening that if Mr. Peckham was a candidate for the presidency again there would be a very strong opposition to him.

KEARSARGE FOR THE FLAGSHIP.

The Battleship to Take the New York's Place in the North Atlantic Squadron. Word was received yesterday at the Brooklyn Navy Yard that the battleship Kearsarge, which was put in commission at Newport News a few days ago, is to become the flagship of the North Atlantic squadron in place of the erniser New York. After the transfer of the pennant at Hampton Roads, about the close of March, the New York will be brought to the Brooklyn yard for a complete overhauling, of which she is said to be much in need, as she has not been out of commission for more than two years. An order has been received at the Brooklyn yard to prepare a band for the Kearsarge.

H. O. Havemeyer Gives \$1,000 to a School. GREENWICH, Conn., Feb. 21.-Henry O. Havemeyer, who gave a \$200,000 school building to this town a few years ago, has given \$1,000 to the Sound Beach School Committee for a new school building and Mrs. J. Kennedy Tod, wife of the banker, has subscribed \$1,200 for the same purpose. A meeting will be held Friday to authorize the acceptance of the gifts

Gruber Takes to Blank Verse

Col. Abraham Gruber, the isolated Republican leader in the Twenty-first Assembly district, said yesterday that he was out of rhymes, but that he was at work on a blank-verse poem entitled "Quiggery," which he would read at a meeting to be held in the urper end of the district some evening next week.